maintenance of law and order/public order, the State Governments have recently been requested to ensure that requisition of CPMFs is resorted to only after exhausting all resources at the disposal of the State Government, and when they are made available, they should be released immediately after the particular event/purpose for which their requisition is over. States have been requested to take steps in respect of the strengthening of the State Police, including filling up of the vacancies, raising India Reserve Battalions, etc.

(d) The Central Government has been giving assistance to the State Governments for modernization and upgradation of the State police forces under the Scheme for Modernisation of State police Forces (MPF), including the State intelligence machinery. The matter of giving more focused attention for strengthening of the intelligence machinery in the States, has been under consideration of the Central Government, and it has been decided to launch a separate sub-scheme for this purpose under the MPF Scheme for this purpose under the MPF Scheme. A Committee, comprising representatives of some State Governments, to be coordinated by the Intelligence Bureau, has been set up for work out the detailed parameters for the proposed Scheme. The same are under finalization. Further, the Government of India has approved the raising of 2 Coys each of 44 IRBn, sanctioned during 2007-08 and thereafter, as a Special Task Force to counter various threats like naxalism and other form of militancy. To raise these Commando Coys, the Government of India would be providing additional assistance of Rs.3 crore per Coy.

Amount paid to States for natural calamities

†1022. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount paid to States as assistance, so far, due to natural calamities;

(b) calamity-wise and State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether assistance given by the Centre is used properly by the State Governments; and

(d) if not, the way in which Centre directs the States for the proper usage of the assistance or the steps taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) As per the Scheme of financing the relief expenditure, the State Governments concerned are primarily responsible for undertaking necessary relief measures in the wake of natural disasters. Distribution of relief on ground is the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial and logistic support, where necessary. Such support is within the framework of Award of the Finance Commissions. A calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been constituted with an allocated amount for each State. The Government of India contributes

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

75% of the CRF and the State Government contributes the remaining 25%. As such the State Governments have a readily availability of funds is CRF account for immediate relief operations. The State Level Committee headed by the Chief Secretary is fully authorized to decide on all matters relating to the financing of the relief expenditure from the CRF in accordance with the items and norms approved by the Government of India. In the event of a calamity of a severe nature, in which the requirement of funds for relief operations is beyond the funds available in the States, CRF account, additional Central assistance is also considered from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), after following the laid down procedure.

The quantum of fund to various States in their CRF is allocated based on the recommendations of the successive Finance Commissions. Funds allocated in the CRF are for managing the various identified natural calamities and no calamity-wise allocations in the CRF are made by the Finance Commissions.

State-wise details of the allocation and releases of Central Share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and assistance released to the States from NCCF for management of notified calamities during the year 2008-09, are given in the statement (*See* below).

As per the scheme of CRF/NCCF, 2005-10, State Level Committee is responsible to ensure that the money drawn from the CRF is actually utilized for the purposes for which the CRF has been set up, and only on items of expenditure and as per norms contained in the guidelines issued by the Government of India. Scheme also provides that accounts of the fund shall be maintained by the Accountant General in charge of accounts in the State in the normal course. Controller and Auditor General of India would cause audit of CRF to be conducted every year in terms of the purposes of the CRF scheme.

Statement

Details of Allocation and Release of Funds from CRF/NCCF during 2008-09

As on 27.11.2008

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Allocation of CRF			Releases from CRF		Releases from NCCF
		Central Share	State Share	Total	1st Instalment	2nd Instalment	
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1.	Andhra Pradesh	298.73	99.58	398.31	149.365	149.365	29.82
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	23.15	7.72	30.87	11.575	—	26.40
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